

Environment and Sustainability Task Force Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: September 25, 2020
Convened: 2:02 p.m.
Adjourned: 3:29 p.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Sandy Greyson, **Chair**
Rita Beving, **Vice-Chair**
Drew Campbell
Phil Crone
Alan Hoffmann
Erryn Hopson
Michael Martin
Janette Monear
Ples Montgomery, IV
Tony Robinson
Pamela Rogers
Raphaella Silva
Aaryaman Singhal
Tracy Wallace

Task Board Member(s) Absent:

Dr. Maria Boccacalondro

Staff Present:

ENVS Committee Chairman, MCC Omar Narvaez (Welcome Portion of the Meeting Only)
Laura Cadena, CD6 Office (Welcome Portion of the Meeting Only)
Marco Saucedo, CD6 Office (Welcome Portion of the Meeting Only)
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager
Art Bashor, City Attorney's Office
Theresa Pham, City Attorney's Office
Kanesia Williams, City Attorney's Office
Dr. Lindsey Wilson, Director (I), Office of Equity
Sheila Delgado, Director (I), Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability (OEQS)
Susan Alvarez, OEQS, Task Force Staff Liaison
Pharr Andrews, OEQS
Katy Evans, OEQS
Brittany Hailey-Wells, OEQS

AGENDA:

Call to Order

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Action Taken/Recommendation(s):

Chair called the Environment and Sustainability Task Force meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., Friday, September 25, 2020 at Dallas City Hall, via TEAMS Virtual Meeting Service, Dallas, TX, 75201. A quorum was present.

Public Comments:

There were no Public Comments received.

1. Approval of Meeting Record – NA (First Meeting)

Motion to approve the minutes of NA

Motion by: NA

Motion seconded by: NA

2. Welcome

MCC Omar Narvaez, Chairman of the Environment & Sustainability City Council Committee, provided a welcome, and a brief background on how this Task Force was formed, and the requested outcomes.

3. Task Force Introductions

City Staff, and Task Force Committee Members provided a brief introduction and personal background to the group.

4. Receive a presentation and hold a discussion regarding the City's Office of Equity

Presenter: Dr. Lindsay Wilson, Interim Director of the City Office of Equity, presented information regarding her Office, current programs, and the need to make sure that equity is a key element during implementation of the CECAP.

5. Receive a presentation and hold a discussion regarding the City's Ethics requirements for Boards and Committees

Presenter: Theresa Pham, Sr. Attorney with the City Attorney's Office provided a presentation on the Chapter 12A of the City Code related to Ethics Requirements for Boards and Commissions. While this is technically a task force/ committee, because one of the outcomes of this committee is a formal recommendation for a permanent Board or Commission, we will be following these requirements. Task Force Members were requested to view the City video on these requirements and sign an acknowledgement of having done so.

6. Receive a brief presentation and overview of the Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan

Presenter: Susan Alvarez, Assistant Director, with the Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability provided a brief overview of the process for developing the CECAP, including the stakeholder outreach leading to the formation of the Task Force. She provided information on the location of related resources, and the digital copy of the plan at <https://www.Dallasclimateaction.com>. A hard (paper) copy is also available to Task Force Members upon request.

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7. Discuss “Housekeeping” items related to future meetings, and processes.

The Chair suggested meetings to be held generally on the second Friday of the month, with the first full meeting to be held on Friday, October 16, 2020. Several members requested moving the meeting time to 1:00PM moving forward.

The meetings will be recorded with the recordings and meeting materials placed under the Resources Tab on the above referenced website.

We will be accepting public comment on items on the agenda through a portal on the above referenced website. The portal will be annotated so that people using it are aware of the disposition of their comments. The Chair requested that staff make any necessary revisions to the website to support this process.

The Chair outlined primary responsibilities for the Task Force to be: advising the City Council Environment and Sustainability Committee and staff on CECAP implementation, and providing recommendations on the formation of a permanent board or commission.

The Chair requested that the Task Force Members familiarize themselves with the CECAP and set the agenda for the October meeting to be a discussion of CECAP implementation plan.

Aaryaman Singhal, Alan Hoffmann, and Tony Robinson indicated that they would like to provide input into the Implementation Work Plan for FY 21. The Chair requested Task Force members to provide herself, the Co-chair, and the City Liaison with any requests for consideration in the Implementation Work Plan by October 2, 2020.

The Co-chair requested the City to provide a summary of the grant opportunities that they may consider to support CECAP implementation.

The Chair requested staff to provide the Task Force Members with a packet supporting the next meeting by October 9, 2020. The packet should include the meeting link, the requested summary of grant opportunities, a rough draft of the Implementation Work Plan to support discussion, any input received from the Task Force Members, along with the minutes from this meeting, and the Agenda for the next meeting.

The Chair adjourned the September 25, 2020 Environment and Sustainability Task Force Meeting at 3:29 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Sandy Greyson

Joan Shroyer

Chair
Environment & Sustainability Task Force

Task Force Staff Liaison